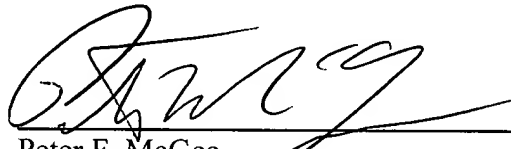


Applicants propose to amend claim 8 as shown above to depend from claim 21. Claim 7 remains dependent from claim 1, and was redundant to claims 8 and 9.

The amendment to claim 28 corrects its dependency. Claim 28 was added by the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowability. See page 3.

Prompt consideration and entry of the amendments are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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